

The Sunday Supplement



Missions Ministry Hosting a “Drive-Up Food Drive” Food Collection for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op:

August 19th

The Missions Ministry is hosting a “Drive-Up Food Drive” food collection for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op, a local missions ministry, on Wednesday, August 19th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). We will have the donation station set up underneath the portico in the back parking lot of the Family Life Center. We are excited to offer a meaningful and safe way for your family to serve our community during this uncertain time. We will be collecting a variety of canned, jarred, and boxed goods for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op.

A listing of critically needed items will be e-mailed out and posted on the church’s website - www.duluthumc.org - closer to the date of the food drive.

The Missions Ministry will host the “Drive-Up Food Drive” food collections on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday’s of each month for the ongoing future.

***SAFETY NOTE:** In order to ensure the safety of all participants and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, we will have one family at a time drive up to drop off their donations. Please pack your items in your car trunk, and our volunteers will collect the items directly from there. Thank you!

*“Love each other as I have loved you.”
John 15:12*



Online GriefShare Support Group Sessions

Begin August 26th

The next **GriefShare Support Group** sessions at Duluth First United Methodist Church will be held online beginning on Wednesday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Because of social distancing rules we will not meet at the church as before. We will start these sessions online with **Zoom**.

You will must download the **Zoom** app and have internet access at the times of the meetings. Also, you will need to sign up on the www.GriefShare.org website so you will be able to watch the online video each week before you come into the **Zoom** meeting room.

You can register for these sessions by contacting Brenda Bridges by e-mail at bridb@bellsouth.net or calling 770-313-6002

Tired of Cooking? Get Ready for Wednesday Night Dinners

Drive-Thru to Begin on September 2nd

We know you love our Wednesday night dinners at Duluth First UMC. We are working to provide them for you to save your family the challenge of having to eat at home one more night as school begins and a new normal around your house takes place.

Due to social distancing and wearing masks, eating together in Hinton Hall is not a viable option at this time, so get ready for the Wednesday Night Dinner Drive-Thru! It will be similar to curbside pick-up at your favorite restaurant where you order ahead, pay online, and drive by to get your dinner.



The first date is Wednesday, September 2nd, and additional information about the menu,

how to order/pay, hours and pick-up instructions will be made available closer to that date.

Combined with drive through dinner is our donation time of food items for Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op. You can pick up dinner for your family and drive around to the back of the church to drop off canned goods and other items to support other families.

Please watch for more information about Wednesday night opportunities in the coming weeks. Blessings and joy as you begin fall with your families.

Rev. C. Kay Fuino

Welcome

Welcome, Brian Overstreet, Our New Church Administrator

After 18 years of wonderful service as our Church Administrator, Betty Hopkins will be retiring on September 30th. We will be honoring Betty with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, October 4th. Please put October 4th on your calendar to honor Betty.

Betty gave us plenty of notice about her plan to retire, so at the beginning of February, we began the search for a new Church Administrator. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Brian Overstreet to serve in this role.



Brian has served in Administrative Leadership at Johns Creek UMC, Midway UMC in Alpharetta, and Hickory Flat UMC. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercer University in Macon and his Master of Divinity degree from McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University) in Atlanta. As part of his continuing education, he has completed 70% of the Certified Church Business Administrator program through The Church Network.

Brian and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter who is a rising high school senior and a son who is a rising 6th grader.

Brian will begin in the last half of July, working with Betty. This will provide a two month orientation period that Betty and the church will provide for Brian, continuing through August and September until Betty's retirement.

Please prepare to help us express our appreciation to Betty for her excellent work over the span of two decades, and to welcome Brian aboard as he begins his service with us in this important ministry.

Thank you,
Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*
Glenn Cornell, *Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee*

Blood Drives at Duluth First UMC:

September 9th, 10th, and 11th

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at Duluth First United Methodist Church on June 9th, 10th, and 11th. The times for each date are:

- **Wednesday, September 9th: 2:30 to 7 p.m.;**
- **Thursday, September 10th; 2:30 to 7 p.m.;**
- **Friday, September 11th: 2:30 to 7 p.m.**

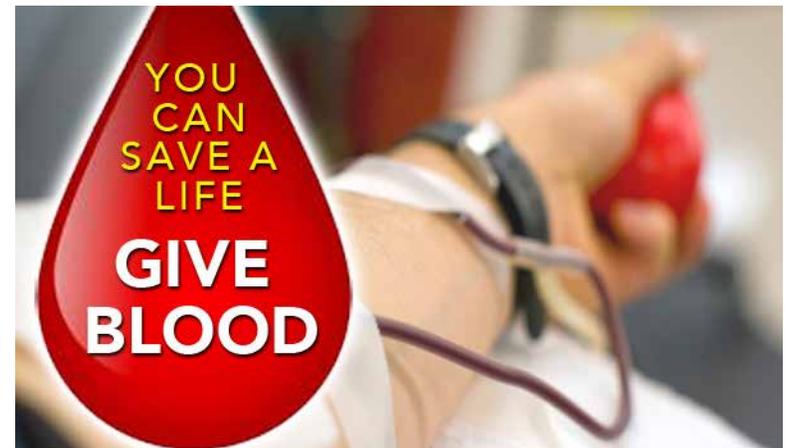
The American Red Cross is still holding blood drives during the pandemic and Georgia's modified stay-at-home order as the drives are an essential need. There's no substitute for blood. When a patient receives blood, it was given in advance by a generous donor. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

The American Red Cross is offering COVID-19 antibody testing to all donors. If you are committed to giving a gift of life and would like to make an appointment,

- Sign up online by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=dufumc>;
- Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767);
- Contact Tracy Brinker by e-mail at tbrinker@duluthumc.org;
- Last, but not least, as a "walk-in" on Blood Drive Day.

The benefits of donating blood are:

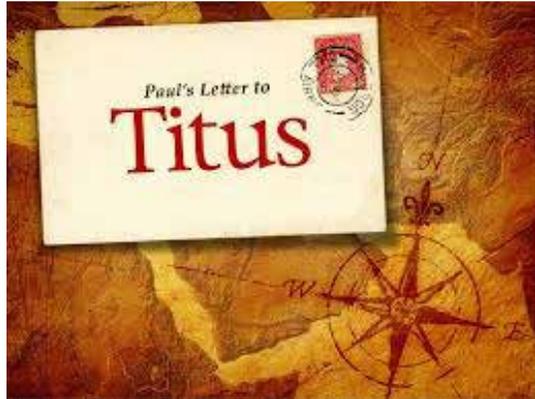
- It's something you can spare. Most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed. Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do.
- You will be someone's hero! In fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.



“Book of Titus” Series

in Contemporary Worship: Through August 23rd

Paul’s letter to Titus is full of rules. But legalism is not the motivation for these rules. It is the incarnation of the Son of God for redemption. Christianity is not just a list of Do’s and Don’ts, or just a set of rules to be followed. But, instead, Christianity is joy to be found. Join us this Sunday in Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m. as we begin our 5-week sermon series on the book of Titus.



SOS Adult Sunday School Class to Study

“Faith and Wisdom in James” Series in August

For the month of August, the SOS adult Sunday School class will share a series of online lessons focusing on the New Testament wisdom literature of the book of James. The discussion class meets online via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all. Please e-mail Jim Woods at jim.p.woods@gmail.com to receive a secure link to join us.



Entitled “Faith and Wisdom in James”, the series comes from *The Standard Lesson Commentary*, the nation’s most popular Bible study resource for more than twenty years. It’s within the context of trying times, faith being tested, and an encouragement to consider suffering as an opportunity that the brother of Jesus gives a simple admonition, “let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger” (James 1.19). This simple advice gives us a way forward when we are struggling to know what to do next.

The SOS Class is a fun-loving group that will welcome visitors who want to join us in prayer, Bible study and Christian fellowship. We value each other’s differences, and our goal is to help one another to better know Christ.



Rev. C. Kay Fuino Foundation Elementary School

It sounds like a very long name, but the children just call it Mother C. Kay School. You have been helping this school for the past 7 years with your annual contributions to our budget. This year they need a little more if you can help over and above what you normally give. The world is impacted by the COVID-19 virus and Kpelle Town is no different. There is a critical food shortage for families and Pastor Sam wants to provide meals at the school for the children, as well as expanding a part of the building. They will use their current chapel as a place to feed the children, assuring they get one good meal each day.

This wonderful Christian school teaches 42-46 children with a small staff of about 8. In Liberia a little goes a long way, so any amount you give is appreciated. Your love for these children helps them feel very connected to you and our church. Thank you for loving them.





Important Announcement Regarding Sunday School Classes and Small Group Meetings Tentatively Resuming on September 13th

Thank you for all that you have done to be together in some way during this time of difference and change. Many of you have continued your groups online using Zoom or other virtual sites, allowing you to keep in contact with each other, continue to study God's word, share your time and talents, and support others. You have used e-mail groups, calls to your class members, or social media to remain connected. We are very aware of your desire to return to meeting in person.

We want to make it all work for you in the best and most safe manner possible. As you are all aware the number of COVID-19 cases has dramatically increased recently. We have taken great precautions in the Sanctuary and Hinton Hall to implement safety standards that are in the best interests of all for in-person worship.

The classrooms are not as easily managed and we have determined it will be prudent to wait until a later date to begin small group meetings. At this time our proposed date to resume all Sunday school classes - for adults, youth, and children, is Sunday, September 13th. Other small groups may consider meeting earlier if we can be assured that all requirements for masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer, and cleaning protocols after a meeting can be assured.

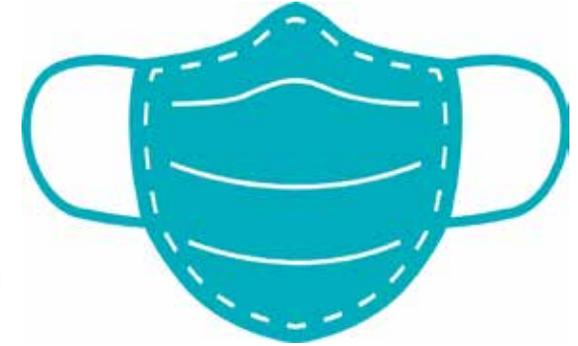
Once again, thank you for your wonderful spirit of adaptation since March. You have been good and faithful servants in so many areas. We know everyone wants normal again, but there may be a new normal for all of us this year. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if there is anything we can do to support your group. You may contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117, for additional conversation about your small group meeting.

For In-Person Worship, Wear a Mask and Be Well

As we have resumed our in-person worship services, we look forward to seeing you and worshipping together! In order to protect everyone's well-being, your observation of guidelines in the following areas is needed. Each of us taking personal responsibility for this will help immensely.

MASKS

- Masks are required to be worn for all worship services. We will have masks on hand if you forget yours.
- If you do not feel comfortable wearing a mask, for the time being we must insist that you stay at home and do online worship only. We will continue to post videos from the worship services online (YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website, www.duluthumc.org).



GENERAL HEALTH

- If you are not feeling well, please stay at home and do online worship only. Do not come to the church if your temperature is over 99.4.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located inside the entrances.

DISTANCING AND WORSHIP SERVICES

- In the Traditional Worship services, pews will be marked off for social distancing of 6 feet, and bulletins will be placed where you and your family can sit. Families can sit together, but families and individuals must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from one another.
- In the Contemporary Worship service, chairs will be spaced out for social distancing.
- All children will worship with their families, including the very young. In keeping with pandemic health guidelines, we will not have a nursery or childcare available for the time being. When it is safe to do so, we will have a nursery.
- Please do your best to observe 6-foot distancing, including no hugging, no handshakes, no holding the door for the person behind you, etc.
- Hymns will be printed in the Traditional Worship bulletins, and the screens will continue to be utilized for Contemporary Worship.
- Instead of passing offering plates, at the entrances we will have buckets/baskets for you to place your offering in when entering or leaving a service.

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CHURCH CLEANLINESS

- The cleanliness of our church's facilities has always been a high priority and will continue to be so.
- Between the two Traditional Worship services, the Sanctuary will receive an extra cleaning.

The church offices have re-opened with social distancing being observed.

Please bring a mask with you anytime that you come to the church so that you can put it on if needed. Masks are not mandatory for small groups or individuals coming to the church during the week, but should be worn whenever social distancing is not possible.

Sunday school classes for all ages will tentatively resume on September 13th (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE). Please follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks whenever social distancing is not possible.

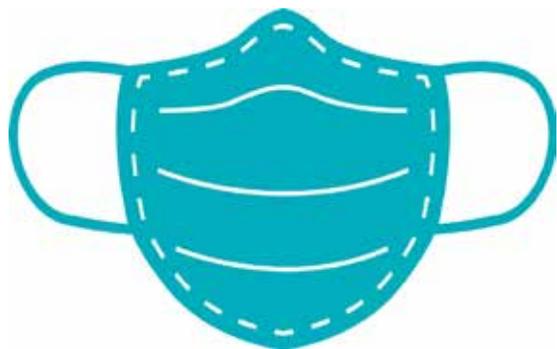
Fellowship Time with coffee service in the Fellowship Hall and Hinton Hall will not be held for the time being.

We will continue social distancing practices indefinitely, and will not stop until a clear message that it is safe to do so is received. That way, everyone can feel safe coming to church.

We know how much you miss each other and long to be together. During these uncertain times, we are certain that loving our neighbor is the way of United Methodists. We give thanks for you and for the ways you are loving your neighbors.

Please check your e-mail and our church website regularly for possible changes to these plans.

Thank you.



Links for Viewing Worship Services Online

During this time of physical distancing, you can worship with us online by viewing videos from our 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship service, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship service, or 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship service on our new YouTube channel (Duluth First UMC Worship), and our church's website (www.duluthumc.org).

You can watch the service videos, as well as subscribe to the Duluth First UMC Worship channel, for **FREE** on YouTube. If you would like to upload any comments about the service videos, you need to set up a **FREE** personal account on YouTube in order to upload your comments.

All worship videos from YouTube will be linked to our church website, <https://duluthumc.org>, as soon as possible after their Sunday broadcast.

Traditional Worship orders of worship, Contemporary Worship song lyrics, and Children's Worship Bulletins for all services each week are available at <https://duluthumc.org/worship/worship-service-handouts>.



Feeling Discouraged and Alone?

Ask for a Stephen Minister

Coping with the effects of the pandemic can be challenging. If you are struggling and in need of encouragement and prayer, consider talking with a **Stephen Minister**. Your **Stephen Minister** will talk with you weekly and will help you find hope and healing.

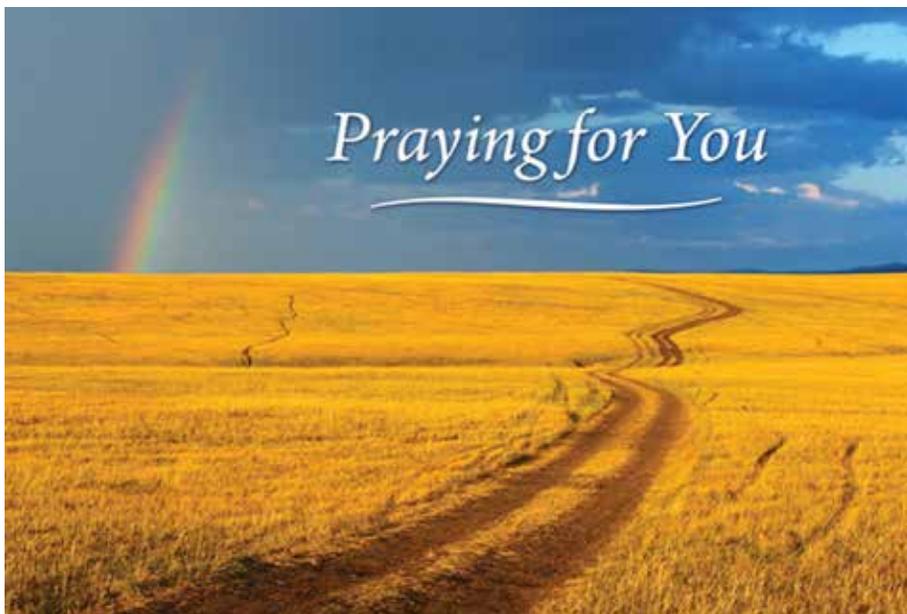
To request a **Stephen Minister**, please contact Rev. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at ckfuino@duluthumc.org or call 770-476-3776, ext. 117. You can also contact Stephen Leader Coordinator Ann Fleming by e-mail at afleming3832@att.net or call 678-644-9108.



Prayer Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to...

- Rick Barrientos • Doris Brackett • Pat Burden
- Rose Chance • Nathan Cook • Jena Cornell
- Elouise Daniel • Bill Flynt • Joel Hall
- John Hammons • Harold Hickam • Susan Johnson
- Kelly Kelkenberg • Seoyoung Lee • Randy Manning
- Wayne McCormack • Fran McGee • Bill Moe
- Dottie Moor • Matthew North • Phyliss Palser
- Laura Ray • Carole Ross • John Scheiwe • Herb Schlubach
- Gail Small • Kathie Sunnarborg • Norman Terry
- Susan Campbell & family in the death of her husband, Jeff.
- Suzi Hodoval & family in the death of her father.



When you are hurting and feeling alone,
there's Stephen Ministry.
Call Rev. C. Kay Fuino at 770-476-3776, ext. 117,
or Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



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